

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)
Work Programme 2008/09

Item	Description	Notes	Type of item
Meeting date – 8 January 2009			
Safeguarding	To consider the arrangements for safeguarding Leeds children	The Chair has commissioned a report on the Board's behalf, regarding the existing arrangements to independently verify the safeguarding systems for children in Leeds, in light of the recent events in Haringey	RP
Performance Management	Quarter 2 information for 2008/09 (July-Sept)	All Scrutiny Boards receive performance information on a quarterly basis	PM
Children's Services and the Children and Young People's Plan	To maintain an overview across the Board's portfolio, and to monitor the development of the Children's Services arrangements in Leeds	The Board has agreed to monitor progress against the priorities in the Plan on a quarterly basis	PM
Recommendation Tracking	This item tracks progress with previous Scrutiny recommendations on a quarterly basis		MSR
Leeds Inclusive Learning Strategy	Quarterly progress update from the Programme Board	Agreed by the Board in July 2008	PM
MAST Inquiry	To consider the Board's draft report and recommendations	Subject to completion of working group activity in December	RFS

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Meeting date – 5 February 2009			
Draft Children and Young People's Plan	To comment on the draft second Plan	Timing subject to confirmation	DP
Inquiry – 14-19 Education Review	To receive evidence as the second session of the Board's inquiry		DP
Meeting date – 5 March 2009			
Inquiry – Education Standards – entering the education system	To receive evidence as the second session of the Board's Inquiry		RP/DP
Locality Governance	To consider progress in developing locality governance arrangements within Children's Services	Requested in October 2008, arising from consideration of the Leadership Challenge evaluation report Provisional timing – subject to confirmation	DP

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Meeting date – 2 April 2009			
Performance Management	Quarter 3 information for 2008/09 (Oct-Dec)	All Scrutiny Boards receive performance information on a quarterly basis	PM
Children's Services and the Children and Young People's Plan	To maintain an overview across the Board's portfolio, and to monitor the development of the Children's Services arrangements in Leeds	The Board has agreed to monitor progress against the priorities in the Plan on a quarterly basis	PM
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Leeds Inclusive Learning Strategy	Quarterly progress update from the Programme Board	Agreed by the Board in July 2008	PM
School performance and Ofsted Inspections	Annual report on school performance and biannual update on Ofsted Inspections and schools causing concern	The Scrutiny Board agreed in 2006/07 to consider these reports to Executive Board	PM
Inquiry Reports	To finalise the reports and recommendations arising from the Board's inquiries this year	Timing subject to confirmation	
Annual Report	To agree the Board's contribution to the annual scrutiny report		

Key: RFS – Request for scrutiny
 RP – Review of existing policy
 DP – Development of new policy
 MSR – Monitoring scrutiny recommendations
 PM – Performance management
 B – Briefings (including potential areas for scrutiny)

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Working Groups			
Working group	Membership	Progress update	Dates
Inclusion consultation	Councillor Hyde Councillor Elliott Councillor Renshaw Mr Britten Mr Falkingham Ms Foote	Agreed November 2008 To consider progress in implementing recommendation 2 of the Board's April 2008 statement on Inclusion	8 December 2008
MAST Project	Councillor Hyde Councillor Morgan Mr Falkingham Ms Foote	Agreed November 2008 To consider proposed reduction in funding to Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST), following request for scrutiny	10 December 2008 15 December 2008
14-19 Education Review	Councillor Hyde Councillor Cleasby Councillor Driver Councillor Elliott Councillor Lancaster Councillor McKenna Mr Britten Mr Falkingham Professor Gosden	Agreed November 2008 To carry out visits and meetings as part of the Board's inquiry	

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Attendance	Mr Britten Prof Gosden Mr Falkingham	Membership agreed October 2008	
Involving young people in scrutiny	Councillor Hyde Councillor Cleasby Councillor Lancaster Councillor Renshaw Mrs Knights Mr Britten	Agreed September 2008 To meet with representatives from Leeds Youth Council Scrutiny Group to discuss young people's ongoing involvement in the work of the Board.	To be confirmed
Young People's Scrutiny Forum – Protecting our Environment	Members of Leeds Youth Council and ROAR	Terms of reference agreed April 2008 Currently taking evidence	